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MEMORANDUM FOR: DOE FTCP Agents

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Safety System Oversight (SSO) Meeting - 08-NA SC-001

In conjunction with the DOE Facility Representative (FR) Workshop to be held in Las Vegas, May 13-15, 2008, the FTCP is sponsoring a DOE SSO workshop on the afternoon of May 13 and the morning of May 14, 2008, at the same location as the FR Workshop. I invite you and others from your organization involved in Safety System Oversight (SSO) to participate in this inaugural SSO workshop.

Over the last nine months, the FTCP, with the support of the Office of Health, Safety and Security, chartered a working group to study the Department's implementation of the Safety System Oversight function and develop strategies to improve our performance. Early results indicate we need to raise the awareness of this function among safety professionals and line management, and promote communication and sharing among Safety System Oversight practitioners across the Department. To this end, the Workshop will include a session on the afternoon of May 13 and another on the morning of May 14. The sessions will cover the results of the working group's data collection and analysis, provide a forum for Safety System Oversight presentations, discussions, and sharing, and presentations by the outside groups, such as Institute for Nuclear Plant Operations (INPO) and the Energy Facility Contractors Operating Group (EFCOG). EFCOG will present their system engineer program and planned program improvements. This schedule will permit everyone to participate in the May 13 morning plenary sessions with senior management and speakers.

I invite current and candidate Safety System Oversight personnel, managers responsible for the function, and other interested parties to participate. We particularly ask for sharing of best practices, techniques, and lessons from the people doing the job, and their experiences in Safety System Oversight in support of mission accomplishment. We ask for a short paper on one particularly effective SSO practice, experience, or lesson learned that can be shared with other sites. Similar to recognition practices for Facility Representatives and NNSA Federal Safety Professionals, we will be putting together a panel to review the papers and select one or two for special recognition. Please provide your input and attendees to Jim O'Brien at (301) 903-1408, or e-mail James.O'brien@hq.doe.gov by April 13, 2008.

See you in Las Vegas!